

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2007.

Telephone Conference

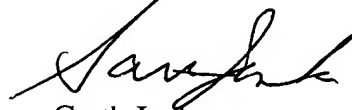
The Examiner and the undersigned discussed the rejections concerning claims 1 and 9 by telephone on January 8, 2008. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her time and courtesy.

The discussion focused on the difference in structure and function between a cantilevered upper clamping member and a non-cantilevered upper clamping member, and referred for comparison to Exhibits 3 and 4 attached to the Applicant's previous response filed August 1, 2007. It is believed that agreement was reached that there are significant differences between the two types of structures, and that the Examiner will reconsider patentability in light of a new search.

Claim 1 had previously been amended to include additional language describing the clamping functionality provided by the cantilevered upper clamping member, and the present amendment adds further the term "bending" to this description, and also adds back the term "cantilevered," in a renewed attempt to make the claimed subject matter as clear as possible.

The undersigned also pointed out, in connection with the double patenting rejection of claim 9, that claim 9 includes limitations regarding shoulder bolts and their relationship to other claimed structures, while claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 61,757,952 recites dowel pins and a different relationship to claimed structures. It is believed that agreement was reached that the claims are different, and that the Examiner will reconsider the double patenting rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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